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Dear Reader:

The Mountain City Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest welcomes your comments on the proposed Island Mountain Enclosure Fence project. The project is located in Township 44 North, Range 55 East, section 12, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, in Elko County, Nevada. Please see enclosed location map.

This project proposes to construct approximately 1,490 feet of enclosure fence, which will encompass an area of approximately 2 acres around the town site of Island Mountain with the objective of protecting heritage resources from regular grazing impacts. The fence will be constructed to Forest Service standards; 4 wire strand fence with top 3 wires barbed, and a bottom smooth wire to facilitate wildlife passage. The fence will be constructed with metal T-posts and H-braces to minimize raptor perching. The enclosure will be in compliance with an established Range Memorandum of Understanding between the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.

Initial indications are that the analysis can be completed under a categorical exclusion and that an environmental assessment or EIS is not needed. The category proposed for use falls within the category of actions described in 36 CFR 220.6 (e)(3) - Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest Service lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land.

The Forest Service encourages your specific written comments on this proposed action, along with information that would assist the responsible official in reaching a decision.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project, available for public inspection, and released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Any written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action would be most helpful if submitted by September 19, 2014. Late comments would be considered to the degree reasonable.

Comments must be submitted to:

Kathryn Fuell, District Ranger
Mountain City Ranger District
2035 Last Chance Road
Elko, NV 89801

Hours: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to:

comments-intermt-n-humboldt-toiyabe-mtncity@fs.fed.us



For More Information please visit our website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44908

You can also contact Annie Dixon, Project Coordinator at 775-778-6166 or at elizabethdixon@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/S/ KATHRYN W. FUELL

KATHRYN W. FUELL
District Ranger

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